

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

House Resolution

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House resolution urgently requesting Congress and the President to work immediately to devise a more balanced alternative to the implementation of federal sequestration

Offered by: Representatives Jewett of Ripton, Turner of Milton, and Pearson of Burlington

Whereas, in 2011, the U.S. Congress adopted and President Obama signed Pub.L. No. 112-25, the Budget Control Act of 2011 (the Act) as an intended compromise and incentive to address fundamental federal budgetary policy and direction, and

Whereas, Section 302 of the Act directed that if a 10-year deficit reduction plan was not enacted, significant amounts of discretionary fiscal year 2013 funds would not be available for spending, including \$546,000,000,000 in the security category, covering national defense appropriations, and \$501,000,000,000 in the nonsecurity category, including all funds other than those appropriated for national defense, and

Whereas, the February 28, 2013 deadline has now arrived, and these reductions in federal funding, which Congress drafted with the hope they would never be implemented, are about to take effect, and

Whereas, the federal sequestration will have a major impact on Vermont and its citizens, and

Whereas, the General Assembly recognizes that it is imperative for the economic well-being of Vermont that deficit spending be brought under control, and

Whereas, allowing the impact of sequestration to occur represents a failure of leadership, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this legislative body requests that Congress and the President work immediately to devise a more balanced alternative to the implementation of federal sequestration, and be it further

Resolved: That the Clerk of the House be directed to send a copy of this resolution to President Obama, House Speaker John Boehner, House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, and to the Vermont Congressional Delegation.